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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the USPTO facsimile number 571-273-8300 on the date indicated below:

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2005, for which the three-month date for response was November 9, 2005. A three month extension of time is hereby requested. The Director is authorized to deduct the fees for such extension, and any other fees that may be due hereunder, from Deposit Account No. 50-1629/210341US.

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2005, Applicant hereby requests the following amendments to the above-identified application. The changes made are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text in bold.

Amendments to the Specification is on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 23 of this paper.